

La Habra City Little League

Guidelines for Organizing, Playing and Watching La Habra Little League Baseball During the Covid-19 Pandemic

These guidelines are subject to change due to changing pandemic conditions and the issuance of updated guidance from agencies such as the CDC, State of CA, County of Orange, City of La Habra, and Little League International.

NO ATTENDANCE ALLOWED

Do not attend any League event if you are experiencing COVID signs such as, but not limited to...headache, cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, etc.

Consult your physician and notify your manager of your symptoms.

POSITIVE COVID TEST

Should an athlete, manager, coach, or volunteer test positive for COVID, follow the following LHCLL safety measures:

- Step 1: Email your manager and lhcll.info@gmail.com to notify the league of a positive COVID test.
- Step 2: Do NOT attend any League event
- Step 3: Upon medical clearance and submission of proof thereof to lhcll.info@gmail.com, an athlete, manager or coach may resume participation in League activities.

GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE

Managers and Coaches

- 1. It is the responsibility of the manager, coaches and or team parent of the first practicing team of the day to disinfect the frequently touched surfaces of the bathrooms and to put out the Covid-19 signs on walking paths at the start of practices.
- 2. All league officials, managers, and coaches must wear a face covering walking to and from the field.
- 3. All managers, coaches and volunteers on the baseball field must wear a face covering during practice.
- 4. Managers, coaches, and players are required to bring their own face covering and hand sanitizer.
- 5. Players should not share equipment, but if equipment is shared, managers must disinfect it between use.
- 6. Dugouts are not allowed to be used during practices.
- 7. Managers and coaches of the last practice of the day, must put all field equipment and signs away after their practice is over. Golf cart steering wheel should be disinfected.

Players

- 1. Players may not arrive earlier than 15 minutes before practice.
- 2. All players must wear a face covering walking to and from the field.
- 3. Players must put their bags, gear, and chairs at the assigned locations along the inside of the fence.
- 4. Players are required to bring their own face covering and hand sanitizer.

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- 5. Face coverings should be worn if players come within 6' of each other as long as it doesn't compromise the players safety. This includes any drills, team meetings, etc.
- 6. Dugouts are not allowed to be used during practices.
- 7. Players should not share equipment, but if equipment is shared, it must be disinfected in between use.
- 8. Players must sanitize their hands prior to every baseball drill.
- 9. It is recommended that players limit spectators to members of the player's households.
- 10. Players are not allowed to give high fives, fist bumps, etc.
- 11. Players must vacate the park no later than 15 minutes after practice ends.

Spectators

- 1. Spectators must wear a face covering walking to and from the field.
- 2. Spectators should stay physically distant from other families and face coverings must be worn by spectators.
- 3. Spectators are not allowed to watch practice from the bleachers.

Team Parent

- 1. It is the responsibility of the manager, coaches and/or team parent of the first practicing team of the day to disinfect the frequently touched surfaces of the bathrooms and to put out the Covid-19 signs on walking paths at the start of practices.
- 2. It is the team parent's responsibility to monitor the practice to ensure teams are following these guidelines.

Food

1. There is no food, gum, seeds, nuts, shells, etc. allowed on the field.

GUIDELINES FOR GAMES (RED TIER)

Manager and Coaches

- 1. Managers are to instruct players, families, and spectators not to show up to fields more than 40 minutes before game time.
- 2. It is the responsibility of the manager, coaches and/or team parent of the first game of the day to disinfect the frequently touched surfaces of the bathrooms and to put out the Covid-19 signs on walking paths at the start of games.
- 3. All league officials, managers, coaches, players, and family members must wear a face covering walking to and from the field.
- 4. Managers, coaches, and umpires must wear a face covering on the field during the game.

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Managers and Coaches continued...

- 5. Pre-game plate meetings will only consist of one manager or coach from each team, and game umpires. Players are never to be a part of pre-game plate meetings.
- 6. Managers, coaches, and umpires must bring their own hand sanitizer.
- 7. Managers and coaches cannot allow more than three players to use the dugout at any time. Players must be physically distant and wear a face covering while in the dugout.
- 8. Managers must have players sanitize their hands at every half inning.
- 9. To limit contact between opposite teams, there will be one set of baseballs for use in the top half of innings, and another set of baseballs for use in the bottom half of innings.
- 10. Managers and coaches of the last game of the day must put all field equipment and signs away after the game is over. Golf cart steering wheel should be disinfected.
- 11. No group gatherings at home plate following a home run.
- 12. No high fives or handshakes during or after the game.
- 13. After the game, players will line up along their dugout side baseline, spread out down the baseline, at least 6 feet apart, and tip their caps to the opposing team.

Players

- 1. Players are instructed not to show up to fields more than 40 minutes before game time.
- 2. All league officials, managers, coaches, players, and family members must wear a face covering walking to and from the field.
- 3. Players are never to be a part of pre-game plate meetings.
- 4. Players must put their bags, gear, and chairs at the assigned locations along the outside of the fence.
- 5. No more than three players can use the dugout at any time. Players must be physically distant and wear a face covering while in the dugout.
- 6. Players must sanitize their hands at every half inning.
- 7. It is recommended that players limit spectators to members of the player's households.
- 8. Players must vacate the park no later than 15 minutes after a game end time.
- 9. No group gatherings at home plate following a home run.
- 10. No high fives or handshakes during or after the game.
- 11. After the game, players will line up along their dugout side baseline, spread out down the baseline, at least 6 feet apart, and tip their caps to the opposing team.

Spectators

- 1. Spectators are instructed not to show up to fields more than 40 minutes before game time.
- 2. Spectators should be limited to members of the player's households.
- 3. Spectators should stay physically distant from other families and face coverings must be worn by spectators.
- 4. Spectators are not allowed to watch games from the bleachers.

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Team Parent

- 1. It is the responsibility of the manager, coaches and/or team parent of the first game of the day to disinfect the frequently touched surfaces of the bathrooms and to put out the Covid-19 signs on walking paths at the start of games.
- 2. All league officials, managers, coaches, players, and family members must wear a face covering walking to and from the field.
- 3. It is the team parent's responsibility to monitor players sitting on their chairs to ensure they are wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing.

Food

- 1. There is no food, gum, seeds, nuts, shells, etc. allowed on the field.
- 2. The Snack Shack will not be open.

Umpires, Scorekeepers and Pitch Counter

- 1. Umpires can call the game from 6' behind the catcher or 6' behind the pitching mound.
- 2. One designated scorekeeper for each game.
- 3. Scorekeeper must sit in score booth or designated area.
- 4. Scorekeeper is required to wear a face covering when unable to practice six feet of physical distancing when interacting with others.
- 5. A pitch counter can work with the scorekeeper in the score booth, but the pitch counter must be from the same household as the scorekeeper.
- 6. If pitch counter is not from the same household as the scorekeeper, the pitch counter must sit in a designated area.
- 7. Umpires must limit their contact with the ball, and catchers should retrieve foul balls (in the field of play) and passed balls where possible.

General

1. A 1-hour buffer will be scheduled between games.

Game Schedule Example:

12:00pm Game A - start

1:45pm Game A - end:(drop-dead time)

1:45 - 2:00pm Game A - players/families vacate park

2:05pm Game B - players arrive (40 minutes prior to game) 2:05 - 2:15pm Game B - screen coaches, players, set equipment

2:15 - 2:45pm Game B – pre-game warm-up, etc.

2:45pm Game B-start

- 2. T-Ball, Minor A & B can have one manager and up to five coaches per team.
- 3. AA through Seniors can have one manager and up to two coaches per team.

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General continued...

- 4. T-Ball, Minor A & B can have up to 11 players.
- 5. AA through Seniors can have up to 13 players.
- 6. For Challenger Division, parents can assist their player on the playing field. A face covering must be worn.
- 7. Except for a parent with a child, a "one-in-one-out" policy, where only one individual is permitted within the restroom at one time, will be implemented to ensure adequate distancing in the confined restroom space. Signs will be posted on bathroom doors.
- 8. Public water fountain use is discouraged.
- 9. In the event someone forgets or runs out of hand sanitizer or face covering, bottles of hand sanitizer and disposable face coverings will be provided to each team as a backup. It is the team parent's responsibility to bring these items for games at other league's fields.
- 10. The bottles of hand sanitizer and disposable face covering will be stored in the equipment shed at both parks for managers to obtain before practices and games.
- 11. Any teams found to not be adhering to the rules outlined in this guideline are subject to discipline by the La Habra City Little League Board. Discipline can include but is not limited to suspension of managers, coaches, teams, and forfeits of games.

The following persons may be contacted regarding this protocol:

Name	Position	Email	Signature/Date Approved
Jim Barger	League President	lhcll.pres@gmail.com	Jim Barger / 2-1-21
Teresa Barger	League Safety Officer	lhcll.asap@gmail.com	7eresa Barger 2-1-21
Carmella Gaytan	League Player Agent	lhcll.info@gmail.com	Carmella Gaytan / 2-1-21
Carmella Gaytan	District Administrator	lhcll.info@gmail.com	Carmella Gaytan 2-1-21

I understand and agree that these guidelines are necessary for my child(ren) to play Little League and that refusal to follow these guidelines may prevent Little League from remaining open for play and that I may be asked to leave the game site if I do not abide by these guidelines.

Player Name:		Division:	
Player Name:		Division:	
Parent/Guardia	n Signature:	Dated:	